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ASH GROVE CEMENT COMPANY



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Suzanne Skadowski
Seattle District, Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
PO Box 3755
Seattle, WA 98124-2255

Re: Ash Grove Cement Company Maintenance Dredging
Corps Permit Number 2001-01-0155

Dear Ms. Skadowski:

Ash Grove Cement Company (Ash Grove) plans to conduct maintenance dredging at its barge loading facility located on the Duwamish River in King County (Sec. 18, Twn. 24N, Range 4E). Ash Grove is requesting ESA consultation for maintenance dredging, as conditioned in the maintenance-dredging permit No. 2001-01-0155, issued for maintenance dredging at the site. The Biological Evaluation determined that the project may affect, and is not likely to adversely affect threatened and endangered species, and will not adversely modify proposed critical habitat.

I have enclosed three copies of the Biological Evaluation, ~~a JARPA form with figures, and a Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) consistency form~~ for your use. ^{per your msg 6/13}

The Dredged Material Management Office was contacted as you requested and I await their review and determination regarding the need for sediment testing prior to dredging. I will forward any written correspondence to the Corps.

Please contact Sasha Visconty at 206-903-3310 or by e-mail at svisconty@anchorenv.com if you need further information to process the application. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this project.

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